

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2005
RUTLEDGE STATE OFFICE BUILDING—BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

***Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair
Mr. Joe Isaac, Chair-Elect
Inez M. Tenenbaum
State Superintendent of Education
Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board***

PUBLIC HEARING

The State Board of Education (Board) held a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge Office Building. The following board members were present: Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair; Mr. Joe Isaac, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Ms. Rebecca Burch; Dr. Anne Crook; Mrs. Brenda S. Fort; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. Ben Mitchell; Dr. Harriett Rucker; Mrs. Terrye Seckinger; Mr. Phillip Shoopman; Mr. John Tindal; Mr. Ron Wilson; Ms. Virginia Wilson; and Dr. Kristi Woodall. Absent were: Mr. Jessie Curtis and Ms. Diane Sumpter.

State Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum and State Department of Education staff was present.

The public hearing was brought to order by Chair Forrester. The following regulations were presented to the Board for promulgation:

1. Promulgate New Regulation 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-188 (Supp. 2004), Displaying the Flag (Second Reading)

Shelley Kelly, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented this item and reviewed the regulation.

There were no public speakers for this item.

Mrs. Kristin McGuire moved that the State Board of Education approve the promulgation of the amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-188; Displaying the Flag (Second Reading). The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Isaac and approved by the Board.

2. Promulgate Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (Supp. 2004), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification (Second Reading)

Jim Turner, Director, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and reviewed the regulation.

There was one public speaker for this item.

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Justin F. Blum, LTC(R), U.S. Army, Senior Army Instructor, Marlboro County High School, Army JROTC Battalion, spoke against requiring that 40 graduate hours in the field of health be earned in order to teach Health courses. He recommended taking a three-credit University of South Carolina graduate course titled *American Family Living and Healthy Sexuality* so that teachers would be in the classroom earlier.

Mr. John Tindal moved that the State Board of Education approve the promulgation of the amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (Supp. 2004), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification (Second Reading). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brenda Fort and approved by the board.

There being no further business, the public hearing adjourned.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Forrester. Chair Forrester asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The State Board of Education (Board) held its December meeting upon adjournment of the Educational Policy Committee on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair; Mr. Joe Isaac, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Mrs. Rebecca Burch; Dr. Anne Crook; Mrs. Brenda Fort; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. Ben Mitchell; Dr. Harriett Rucker; Mrs. Terrye Seckinger; Mr. Phillip Shoopman; Mr. John Tindal; Mr. Ron Wilson; Ms. Virginia Wilson; and Dr. Kristi Woodall. Board members Mr. Jessie Curtis and Ms. Diane Sumpter were unable to attend.

Inez Tenenbaum, State Superintendent of Education, and staff were present.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2005

Mr. John Tindal moved for approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2005, State Board meeting. Mrs. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 14, 2005

Ms. Victoria Belin moved for approval of the agenda for the December 14, 2005, State Board meeting. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND NEWS MEDIA

Chair Forrester welcomed the visitors present. Mr. Forrester welcome the news media present: Ms. Meg Kinnard, Associated Press; Mr. Jack Kuenzie, WIS TV; Mr. Bill Robinson, The State Newspaper; and Mr. Robert Kittle, News Channel 7, Spartanburg.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARDS PROGRAM
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Superintendent Tenenbaum presented the results of the application of criteria for the identification of schools qualifying for the Education Accountability Act Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Program.

Of the state's approximately 1,100 schools, 310 earned either a Palmetto Gold or Palmetto Silver Award—185 Gold, 125 Silver. This is the fifth year of implementation of the awards program, which started in 2001.

Each winning school will receive an award certificate, an award flag, and a portion of the \$3 million in state funds earmarked for the awards program. The financial prize is determined by several factors including the type of award received, attendance and dropout rates, and the number of students enrolled. The Board was given copies of the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Program 2005-06. A copy of the award winners is attached.

PRESENTATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOLUNTEER AWARDS
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The State Board of Education Volunteer awards are designed to honor the time, energy, talents, and other resources contributed to South Carolina's public schools. Candidates are nominated by school district across the state. The criteria for selection include promoting student achievement, enhancing school-community relations, strengthening school or district resources, encouraging a positive climate, and promoting teacher effectiveness.

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized the 2005 South Carolina volunteer award winner and presented the winners with a plaque.

The Silver Award winners are (1) Colonial Life Supplemental Insurance, Richland School District One; (2) Mayor's Teen Volunteer Program of Rock Hill School District Three; (3) Carolina Clavon, Rock Hill School District Three; (4) Barb Clinton, Rock Hill School District Three; (5) Terri Pendleton, Rock Hill School District Three; (6) Sun City Hilton Head, Jasper County School District; (7) Pelion Ruritan Club, Lexington School

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District One; (8) Sayumi Ikeda, Florence School District One; (9) Nissary Wood, Kershaw County School District; (10) Martha Hartley, Beaufort County Schools; (11) Sun Trust Bank; Greenville County School District; and (12) Kathy Hammeran, Greenville County School District.

The Gold Award winners are (13) Greenville High School PTSA, Greenville County School District; (14) Adopt-a-School of Beaufort, Beaufort County School District; and Lisa Bates, Pickens County School District.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was one public speaker for this meeting. Ms. Deb Marks is a parent and former teacher who served on the Textbook Advisory Committee. She spoke on her concerns regarding two publishers who were very weak addressing abstinence, sexual activities and marriage responsibilities. She stated that marriage is not defined.

<u>STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>
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Victoria Belin, Chair

Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee

Kristi Woodall, Chair

Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee

Rebecca Burch, Chair

Finance and Legislative Committee

Joe Isaac, Chair-Elect

Educational Policy Committee

56. **Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification (TRTC) Committee**—Chair Belin reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee met on Wednesday, November 9, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m.
01. **Approval of Agenda for December 14, 2005**—Chair Belin reported that the agenda for the December 14, 2005, meeting was approved.
02. **Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2005**—Chair Belin reported that the minutes for the November 9, 2005, meeting were approved.
03. **Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification (TRTC) Meeting Overview**—Chair Belin reported that Jim Turner, Director, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Teacher Quality and School Leadership, gave a brief overview of the items presented at the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Meeting Committee.

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08. **Consent Agenda**—Ms. Belin reported that Items 04, 05, 06, and 07 were placed on the consent agenda.
04. **Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2006-07 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)**
05. **Identification of Critical Need Geographic Districts for 2006-07 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)**
06. **Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2006-07 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program**
07. **Designation of Geographic Critical Need Schools for 2006-07 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program**
55. **Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**—Chair Woodall reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, met on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, upon adjournment of the TRTC Committee in the Basement Conference Room and was called to order by Dr. Anne Crook.
01. **Approval of Agenda for December 14, 2005**—Chair Woodall reported that the agenda for the December 14, 2005, meeting was approved.
02. **Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2005**—Chair Woodall reported that the minutes for the November 9, 2005, meeting were approved.
03. **Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee Meeting Overview**—Chair Woodall reported that Lucinda Saylor, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, gave a brief overview of the items to be presented at the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee.
04. **Adoption of Instructional Materials Report from the 2005 Instructional Materials Review Panels**

The committee recommended approval of English Language Arts Instructional materials for the 2005 adoption cycle.

The motion did not require a second because it came from a committee. The motion carried with three opposing votes: Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Mr. Ron Wilson, and Mrs. Terrye Seckinger.

The committee recommended approval of Family and Consumer Sciences instructional materials for the 2005 adoption cycle.

The motion did not require a second because it came from a committee. The motion carried with four opposing votes: Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Mrs. Terrye Seckinger, Mr. Phillip Shoopman, and Mr. Ron Wilson.

The committee recommended approval of Health and Safety Instructional materials

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for the 2005 adoption cycle.

The motion did not require a second because it came from a committee. The motion carried with four opposing votes: Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Mrs. Terrye Seckinger, Mr. Phillip Shoopman, and Mr. Ron Wilson.

The committee requested approval of Social Studies instructional materials for the 2005 adoption cycle.

The motion did not require a second because it came from a committee. The motion carried with four opposing votes: Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Mrs. Terrye Seckinger, Mr. Phillip Shoopman, and Mr. Ron Wilson.

05. Approval of Recommendation from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for the 2006 Adoption Cycle and to Fill Committee Vacancies

The committee requested approval of the Department's recommendation from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for the 2006 Adoption Cycle to fill five vacancies instead of three.

The motion did not require a second because it came from a committee. The motion carried, with one opposing vote: Mrs. Terrye Seckinger.

05. Consent Agenda—Chair Woodall reported that there were no items placed on the consent agenda.

54. Finance and Legislative Committee—Chair Burch reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, upon adjournment of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, in the Basement Conference room.

01. Approval of Agenda for December 14, 2005—Chair Burch reported that the agenda for December 14, 2005, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2005—Chair Burch reported that the minutes for November 9, 2005, meeting were approved.

03. Finance and Legislative Committee Meeting Overview—Chair Burch reported that Mr. John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance, gave a brief overview of the items to be presented at the Finance and Legislative Committee meeting.

06. Facilities Waiver Request —Spartanburg County School District Seven

On behalf of the Finance and Legislative Committee, Chair Burch moved that the State Board of Education adopt the recommendation to approve the facilities waiver request for Spartanburg County School District Seven.

The motion did not require a second because it came from a committee. The motion

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carried with one opposing votes: Mrs. Brenda Fort.

07. Consent Agenda

Ms. Burch reported that items 04 and 05 were placed on the consent agenda.

- 04. Property Disposal—Georgetown County School District**
- 05. Facilities Waiver Request—Horry County School District**

Chair Burch reported that the following item was presented for information.

- 09.** State Board of Education Financial Statements
- 10.** Legislative Update—Pierce McNair, Special Assistant to the State Superintendent of Education, Office of Policy and Planning, presented this item and provided the board with a list of all of the bills that has been prefiled.

- 52. Educational Policy (Policy) Committee**—Chair Forrester reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, upon the adjournment of the Finance and Legislative Committee.

- 01. Approval of Agenda for December 14, 2005**—Chair Forrester reported that the agenda for December 14, 2005, meeting was approved.
- 02. Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2005**—Chair Forrester reported that the minutes for November 9, 2005, meeting were approved.
- 03. Review of the Education Oversight Committee's Action on South Carolina Science Standards**

On behalf of the State Board of Education, Chair Forrester moved that the State Board of Education adopt the recommendation to approve the use of the revised S.C. science standards as adopted by the Board and approved by the Education Oversight Committee, with the exception of the revised biology standards. The current high school biology standards will remain in effect until the EOC approves the revised standards.

The motion did not require a second because it came from a committee. The motion carried with five opposing votes: Mrs. Terrye Seckinger, Mr. Ron Wilson, Mr. Phillip Shoopman, Mrs. Kristin Maguire, and Dr. Kristi Woodall.

- 04. Consent Agenda**—Chair Forrester reported that there were no Items placed on the consent agenda.

FOR INFORMATION

06. Establishment of the Ad Hoc Student Advisory Committee

This item was presented as information by Chair Forrester. Chair Forrester requested that the Board give the establishment of the Ad Hoc Student Advisory Committee some thought and come back with the name of a student recommended to serve on the Committee, at the January meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items without further debate upon a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burch, seconded by Mr. Joe Isaac. The motion carried.

56-04 Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2006-07 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)

Motion that the State Board of Education adopt the recommendation to approve for Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2006-07 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE).

56-05 Identification of Critical Need Geographic Districts for 2006-07 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)

Motion that the State Board of Education adopt the recommendation to approve the Identification of Critical Needs Geographic Districts for 2006-07 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE).

56-06 Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2006-07 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program

Motion that the State Board of Education adopt the recommendation for approval of the Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2006-07 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program.

56-07 Designation of Geographic Critical Need Schools for 2006-07 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program

Motion that the State Board of Education adopt the recommendation for approval of the Designation of Geographic Critical Need Schools for 2006-07 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program.

SELECTION OF THE CENTRAL TEXTBOOK DEPOSITORY

A motion was made by Mrs. Maguire to approve the selection of R. L. Bryan to be the Central Textbook Depository. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Seckinger and approved by the Board.

ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT FOR 2006

The Board took a vote and Mr. John Tindal was elected Chair-Elect for 2006.

D R A F T

Minutes for Educator Licensure Cases State Board of Education December 14, 2005
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The State Board of Education (Board) held a meeting at 12:44 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2005, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building, to discuss educator licensure cases. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mike Forrester, Chair; Joe Isaac, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Mrs. Rebecca Burch; Mrs. Brenda Fort; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. Ben Mitchell; Dr. Harriett Rucker; Mrs. Terrye Seckinger; Mr. Phillip Shoopman; Mr. John Tindal; Mr. Ron Wilson; Ms. Virginia Wilson; and Dr. Kristi Woodall. Absent were Dr. Anne Crook, Mr. Jessie Curtis, and Ms. Diane Sumpter.

The meeting was brought to order by Chair-Elect Isaac.

Chair Isaac declared the Board in Executive Session.

Open Session

1. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education accept the voluntary surrender of South Carolina educator certificate 216413 issued to Ernest V. Varner, III, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
2. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a two-year suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 193094 issued to Paula M. Cunningham, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
2. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a sixteen-month suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 112528 issued to Fellie Sweat, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brenda Fort and approved by the Board.

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4. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order an eight-month suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 141857 issued to Deborah Rogers, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brenda Fort and approved by the Board.
5. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a one-year suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 150066 issued to Sherri L. Drew, for breach of contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
6. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a one-year suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 904530 issued to Jacqueline H. Fennell, for breach of contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
7. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a one-year suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 904338 issued to Bradley L. Fowler, for breach of contract. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brenda Fort and approved by the Board.
8. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education issue a public reprimand to Tonya D. Fricks, South Carolina educator certificate 192201, for test security violation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.

Chair Isaac declared the Board in Executive Session.

Open Session

9. Mrs. Harriett Rucker moved that the State Board of Education issue a South Carolina educator certificate to Michael C. Lear. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Mitchell and approved by the Board with one opposing vote by Mr. Ron Wilson.

Chair Isaac declared the Board in Executive Session.

Open Session

10. Mrs. Brenda Fort moved that the State Board of Education issue a South Carolina educator certificate to Crystal C. White. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Terrye Seckinger and approved by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Chair

Secretary